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## LIAISON ACTIVITIES OF THE FBI

In addition to the statutory responsibilities placed upon the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to such matters as espionage, sabotage, treason, and sedition by Presidential Directive, originally issued September 6, 1939, and last issued on July 24, 1950, the FBI was charged with general internal security responsibility. It was provided that the FBI take charge of investigative work in matters relating to espionage, sabotage, subversive activities, and related matters. The Directives also requested that all enforcement officers, both federal and state, as well as patriotic organizations and individuals, report all information in these fields to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The FBI was charged with the responsibility of correlating this material and referring matters which are under the jurisdiction of any other federal agency to the appropriate agency.

In discharging these responsibilities, the FBI has established a program of research, analysis, and correlation of information received, and a close, continuing liaison with the various agencies of the federal government. Incidental to its internal security responsibility, liaison has also been established with foreign law enforcement and intelligence agencies. There are set forth herein details relating to these activities.



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 24, 1950

INFORMATION RELATING TO DOMESTIC ESPIONAGE,  
SABOTAGE, SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND RELATED MATTERS

On September 6, 1939 and January 8, 1943 a Presidential Directive was issued providing that the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice should take charge of investigative work in matters relating to espionage, sabotage, subversive activities and related matters. It was pointed out that the investigations must be conducted in a comprehensive manner on a National basis and all information carefully sifted out and correlated in order to avoid confusion. I should like to again call the attention of all Enforcement Officers, both Federal and State, to the request that they report all information in the above enumerated fields promptly to the nearest Field Representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which is charged with the responsibility of correlating this material and referring matters which are under the jurisdiction of any other Federal Agency with responsibilities in this field to the appropriate agency.

I suggest that all patriotic organizations and individuals likewise report all such information relating to espionage, sabotage and subversive activities to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this same manner.



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## DOMESTIC LIAISON

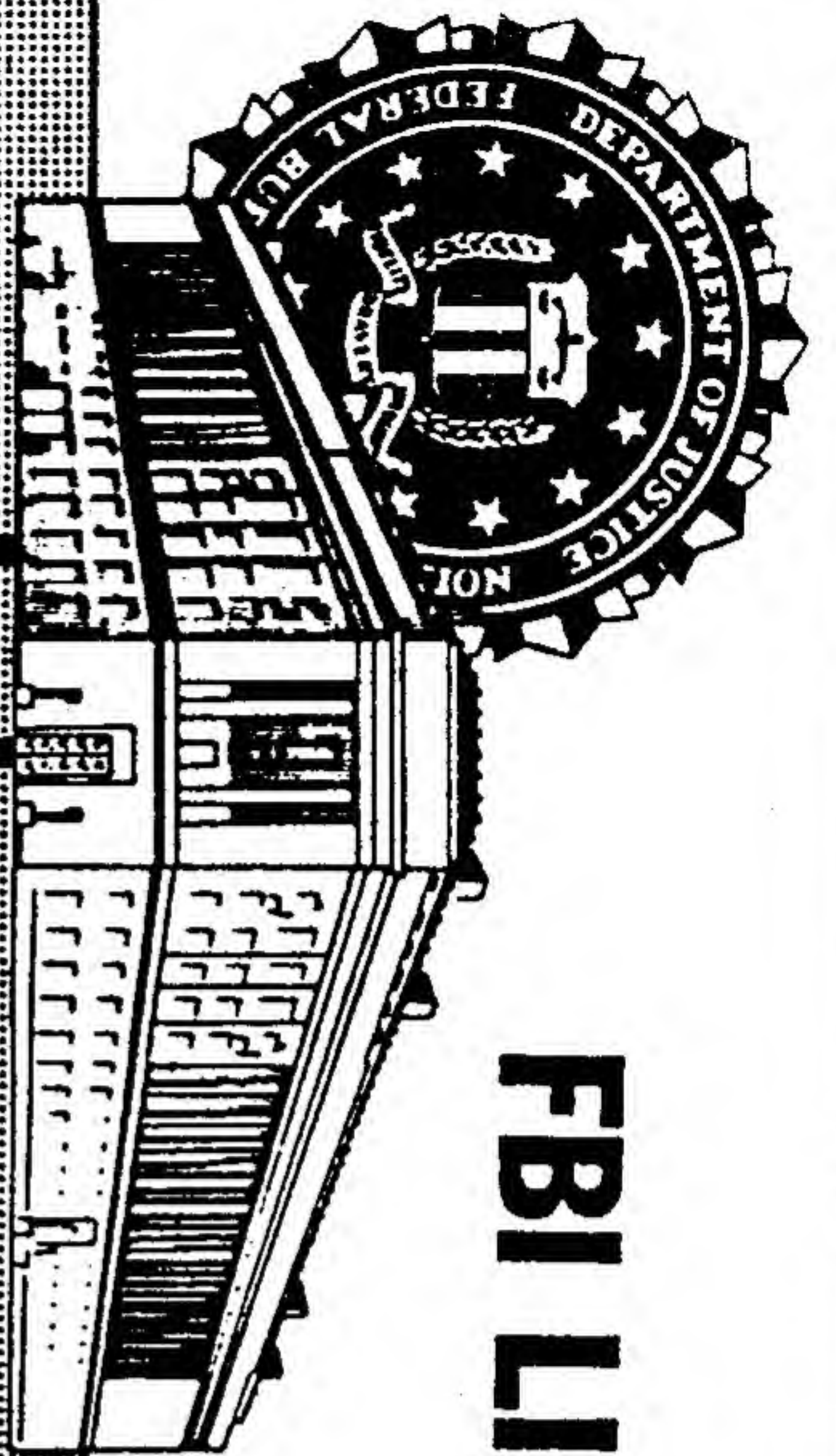
The FBI maintains personal continuous liaison with the various U. S. Government departments, agencies, commissions and other governmental bodies. This liaison has been established over the years to further the Bureau's fulfillment of its responsibilities in the Internal Security-National Defense field to those government departments and agencies and to the Federal Government as a whole.

This liaison is conducted by specially selected Agent personnel of the FBI on a day-to-day and person-to-person basis with the officials and representatives of the other agencies. The liaison group is designed to be a flexible unit capable of shifting or expanding its contact and co-ordinating coverage as conditions warrant to obtain the best results.

The following points of contact are among those maintained on a daily basis and have proven to be of outstanding mutual benefit.

- Department of State
- Atomic Energy Commission
- Civil Service Commission
- The White House
- Central Intelligence Agency
- National Security Council
- Department of the Treasury
- Department of Commerce
- Federal Civil Defense
- Department of Interior
- Department of Agriculture
- National Security Resources Board
- Department of the Navy
- Department of the Army
- Department of the Air Force
- U. S. Coast Guard
- Joint Chiefs of Staff
- National Security Agency
- Office of the Secretary of Defense and  
its subordinate organizations
- Other Miscellaneous Agencies

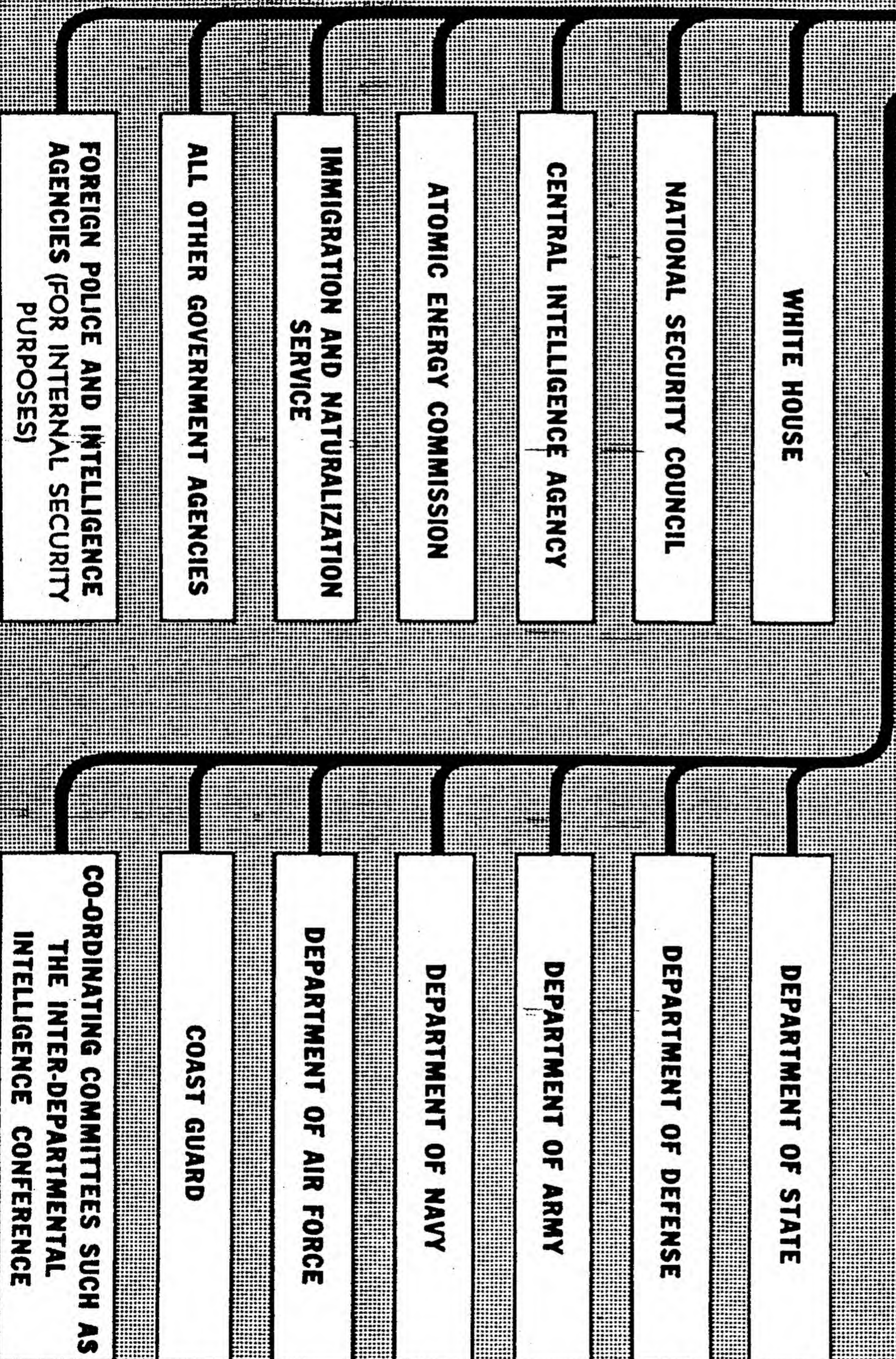




# FBI LIAISON AND CO-ORDINATION ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

ON A PERSONAL, DAILY, CONTINUING BASIS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR





## FOREIGN LIAISON PROGRAM

Following the termination of the FBI's wartime Special Intelligence Service (SIS) in 1947 and the assumption of responsibility for foreign intelligence operations by the Central Intelligence Agency, the FBI has continued to maintain liaison posts abroad in ten countries. Those offices function in a liaison capacity in connection with criminal and subversive matters involving the Bureau's domestic responsibilities. In addition the Bureau belongs to three international security committees and corresponds with police agencies all over the world outside of the countries behind the Iron Curtain.

### Liaison Posts Abroad:

Bureau representatives are stationed as Legal Attaches in the American Embassies at the following posts:

London, England  
Paris, France  
Madrid, Spain  
Havana, Cuba  
Mexico City, Mexico  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The FBI representatives in those offices maintain liaison with the local police and intelligence agencies as well as with the local branches of other United States organizations. They also have arrangements to handle inquiries in other countries on a liaison basis such as the ..... which is able to have investigations conducted in ..... :..... which can handle inquiries in ..... which has investigations made in .....

Accredited Liaison Representatives are also stationed at the following posts:

Ottawa, Canada - Attached to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.  
Salzburg, Austria - Attached to the Director of Intelligence,  
U. S. Forces, Austria.  
Heidelberg, Germany - Attached to the Director of Intelligence,  
U. S. Army, Europe.



The Bureau's Liaison Representative with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police maintains contact with that organization not only on matters of interest to the FBI but also as a cooperative measure, handles liaison matters with the RCMP for other United States agencies who do not have their own liaison channels. It is also to be noted that the RCMP likewise has stationed a Liaison Representative at FBI Headquarters in Washington to assist in correlating matters of interest between the two agencies.

The Bureau's representatives in Heidelberg and Salzburg maintain liaison with local police agencies and other American organizations as well as with the U.S. Army and with .....

While not a foreign post, strictly speaking, a Liaison Representative is also attached to the Headquarters of the U.S. Army Caribbean Command in the Canal Zone. That representative also maintains contact with the investigative branches of the Armed Services Agencies stationed in the Canal Zone as well as with the other intelligence and police agencies operating in that area and with the police in the Republic of Panama.

#### International Security Committees:

The FBI is a member of the following international security committees:

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Special Information Committee of NATO: This committee is composed of representatives of the various countries which are members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and is designed for the exchange of information among the NATO countries on Communist activities and infiltration in the respective countries involved, the control measures taken and the legislative steps adopted to protect the internal security of each country. The FBI is the sole representative of the United States Government on this committee.

Foreign Police Liaison:

In addition to the activities of its representatives abroad, the Bureau furnishes certain types of information to, and arranges to have investigations conducted in the United States for, law enforcement and



The requests for investigation include international criminals, individuals in the United States who were subjects of, or witnesses to, crimes abroad and American citizens who were the victims of crimes while abroad. In several cases property stolen from Americans while travelling abroad has been recovered by foreign police agencies and returned to the owners through the Bureau. Other cases have involved locating Americans who are entitled to inherit property from relatives in their native land. During the past year there have been received from foreign law enforcement agencies approximately 1,500 requests for information in Bureau files and over 500 requests for investigation in the United States.







## FBI MEMBERSHIP IN INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEES

The FBI has membership on a number of committees in order to coordinate domestic intelligence and security matters as they relate to our national security. These committees operate under the National Security Council and are identified as follows:

1. The Interdepartmental Intelligence Committee, of which the Director, FBI, is Chairman, coordinates the investigation of domestic espionage, counterespionage, sabotage, and related domestic intelligence matters. The other members of this committee are the Directors of Naval Intelligence, G-2 (Intelligence) Department of the Army, and the Office of Special Investigations of the Air Force.
2. The Intelligence Advisory Committee prepares National Intelligence Estimates for the National Security Council and the President. The FBI is represented in order that domestic intelligence may be coordinated with foreign intelligence.
3. The FBI is also represented on the U.S. Evaluation Board and the U.S. Communications Intelligence Board. These are two confidential committees chartered by the National Security Council and concerned with highly classified matters.
4. The Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security is authorized to coordinate all phases of action in the internal security field, as contrasted with the Interdepartmental Intelligence Committee's responsibilities in the field of coordinating the collection of intelligence in this field. Although the Bureau is not a member of this committee, close liaison is maintained in order to coordinate the two committees' responsibilities.

In connection with the above major committees there are numerous subcommittees which meet regularly, in which the Bureau participates for coordinating purposes. Some of this latter group are identified as the Interdepartmental Intelligence Committee's Working Group, ::::::::::::::::::::  
:::::::::::::::::: the Watch Committee for Indications of Soviet-Communist Intentions, and the Frequency Assignment Subcommittee of the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee mentioned hereafter.



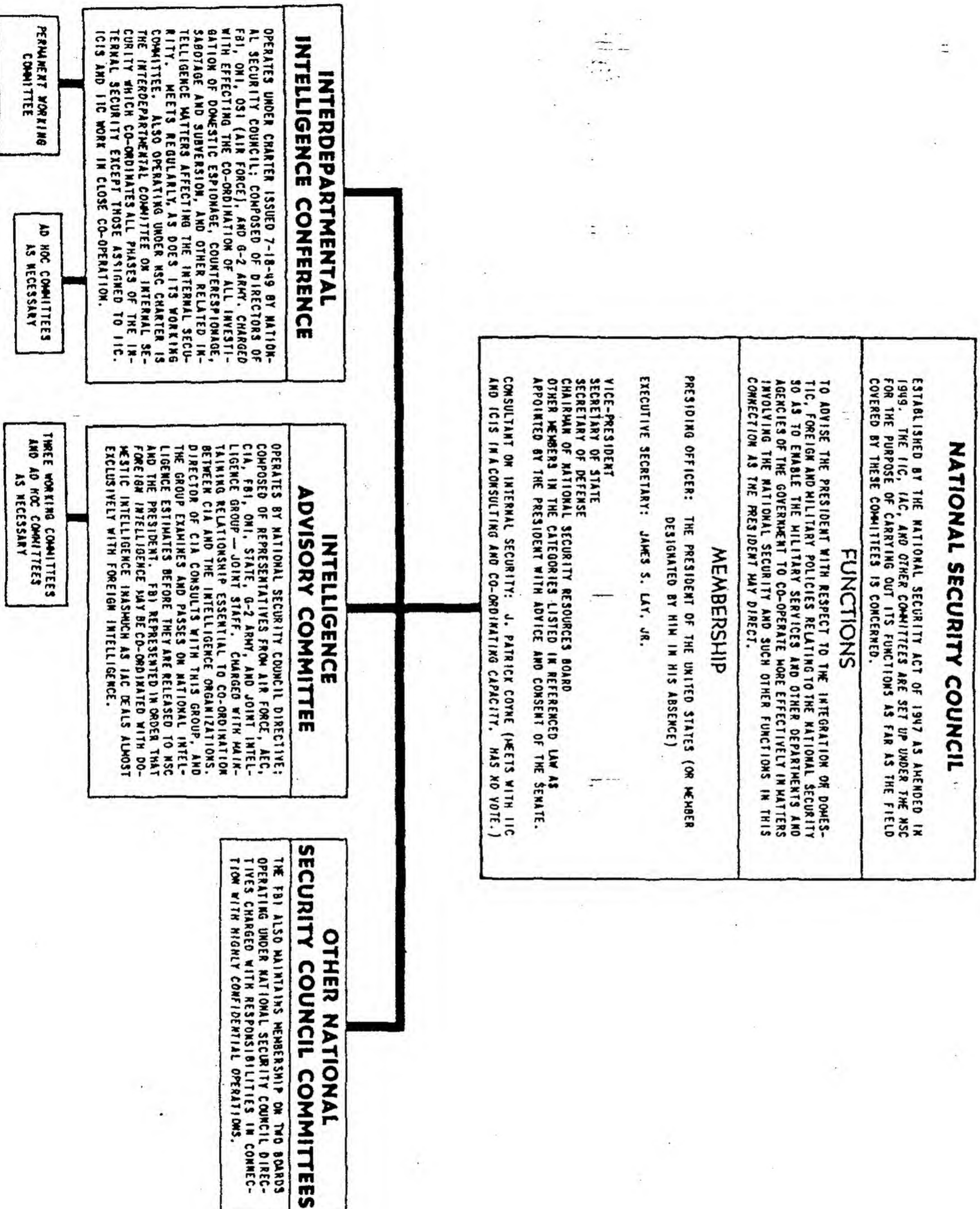
In addition, the FBI is called upon to serve on other coordinating committees, such as those concerned with radio frequency assignments (Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee) and high-level conferences among the various intelligence agencies of friendly Governments.



## COORDINATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

# COMMITTEES ON SECURITY MATTERS IN WHICH FBI HAS MEMBERSHIP

THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HAS MEMBERSHIP ON A NUMBER OF COMMITTEES DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY ENGAGED IN MATTERS AFFECTING THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES. THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE ARE SHOWN BELOW.





## CENTRAL RESEARCH UNIT

The FBI has a Central Research Unit which studies the complete Communist movement in the United States, including its espionage ramifications, within an intelligence frame of reference.

The main purpose of this study is to analyze, evaluate, correlate and interpret Communist thought and practice as a whole. The emphasis is placed on viewing this subversive movement, not in fragments but in its entirety, as a pattern or configuration directed against our national security.

The sources used by the Central Research Unit in its intelligence work include (1) confidential, secret and top secret investigative reports of the FBI, of other agencies of the United States and of some foreign governments; (2) sundry related information of a non-investigative nature obtained from various places and individuals; (3) special inquiries conducted by educational institutions and Foundations; and (4) general public sources, both Communist and non-Communist, domestic and foreign.

The results of these studies are prepared in permanent monograph form and are distributed to interested government officials having national defense responsibilities. Many letters have been received from these officials stating how useful the information furnished to them has been in the operations of their own organizations.

Copies of these monographs are also distributed to all field offices of the FBI, where most of them are of value not alone in this Bureau's work but also relative to instructing law enforcement officers throughout the country.

In addition, the Central Research Unit prepares and delivers, on request, various lectures on numerous aspects of the Communist movement to Army, Navy and Air Force groups in different sections of the country.

The titles of some of the studies written in the Central Research Unit are as follows:



1. Communist Party, USA - The Underground Apparatus;
2. Known Objectives of Soviet and Satellite Intelligence in the United States;
3. Communist Concepts of War, Peace and Pacifism;
4. Operational Security in Soviet Intelligence;
5. Marxist-Leninist Principles Governing the Communist Press in the United States;
6. Soviet Intelligence Communications;
7. The Relationship of the Communist Party, USA to Communism in China;
8. Training Schools and Training of the Soviet Intelligence Service;
9. The Communist Party Line;
10. Communist Principles and Tactics Concerning National Liberation and Colonial Movements;
11. Documentary Proof that the Communist Party, USA Teaches and Advocates the Overthrow of the United States Government by Force and Violence;
12. The Role of the Communist Party, USA in Soviet Intelligence;
13. Principal Features of Communist Strategy and Tactics;
14. Recruitment for Soviet Intelligence in the United States;
15. Present Tactics and Strategy of the Communist Party, USA.

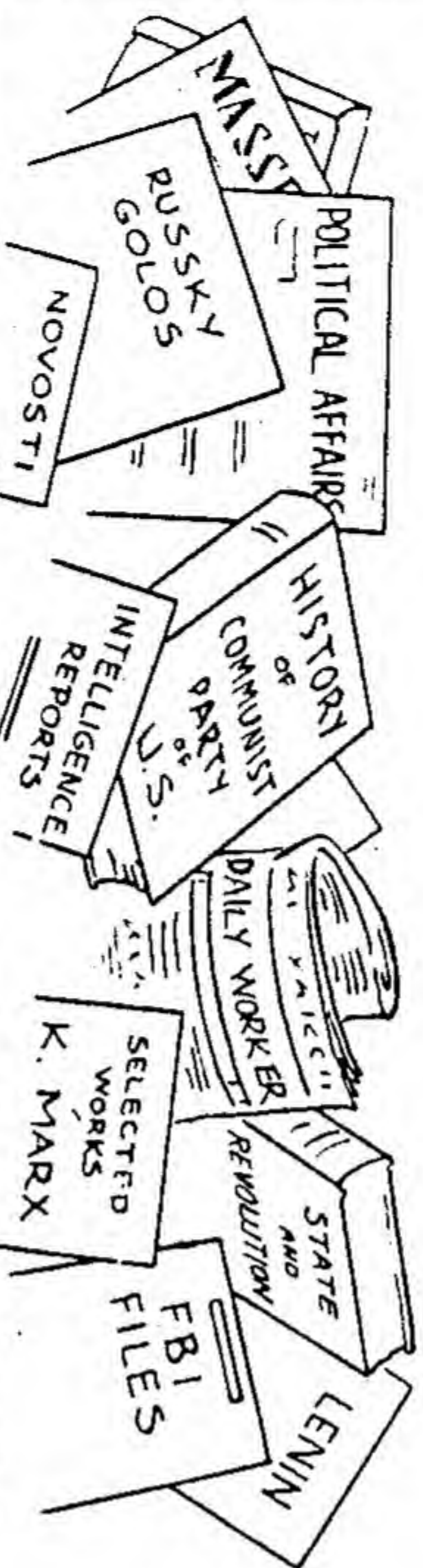


## DEFENSE FUNCTIONS OF THE FBI

# THE FBI CENTRAL RESEARCH UNIT

The Central Research Unit functions for the purpose of research. Intelligence material found in FBI files and public sources is reviewed for subsequent correlation, interpretation, evaluation and dissemination. An endeavor is made to sum up all available material on Communism into a coherent, complete pattern of Communist thought, activity and design.

### INFORMATION DRAWN FROM ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES:



#### EXAMPLES OF SOURCES

(limited to a few examples from each group shown)

UNITED STATES COMMUNIST JOURNALS:  
DAILY WORKER (NEWSPAPER)  
POLITICAL AFFAIRS  
MASSES AND MAINSTREAM  
FOREIGN COMMUNIST JOURNALS:  
NEW TIMES  
BOLSHEVIK  
CAHIERS DU COMMUNISME  
DEMOCRATIE NOUVELLE  
THE CANADIAN TRIBUNE  
HUNGARIAN BULLETIN  
LONDON DAILY WORKER  
NATIONAL AFFAIRS (CANADA)  
CHINA MONTHLY REVIEW  
COMMUNIST FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS IN U. S.:

MORNING FREIHEIT-YIDDISH  
GLOS LUDONY-POLISH  
TYOMIES ETEEPAIN-FINISH  
NOVOSTI-SERBIAN  
RUSSKY GOLOS-RUSSIAN  
NARODNI GLASNIK-CROATIAN

COMMUNIST BOOKS: (FOREIGN AUTHORS)

STATE AND REVOLUTION, V. I. LENIN  
COMMUNIST MANIFESTO, K. MARX AND  
F. ENGELS

PROBLEMS OF LENINISM, J. STALIN  
HISTORY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY  
OF THE SOVIET UNION

THE UNITED FRONT, G. DIMITROFF  
SELECTED WORKS, V. I. LENIN  
SELECTED WORKS, K. MARX

STRATEGY AND TACTICS  
COMMUNIST BOOKS: (AMERICAN AUTHORS)

TOWARD SOVIET AMERICA, W. Z.  
FOSTER

HISTORY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY  
OF THE U. S., W. Z. FOSTER  
HANDBOOK OF PHILOSOPHY, H. SELSAM  
THE FIRST AMERICAN REVOLUTION,  
J. HARDY

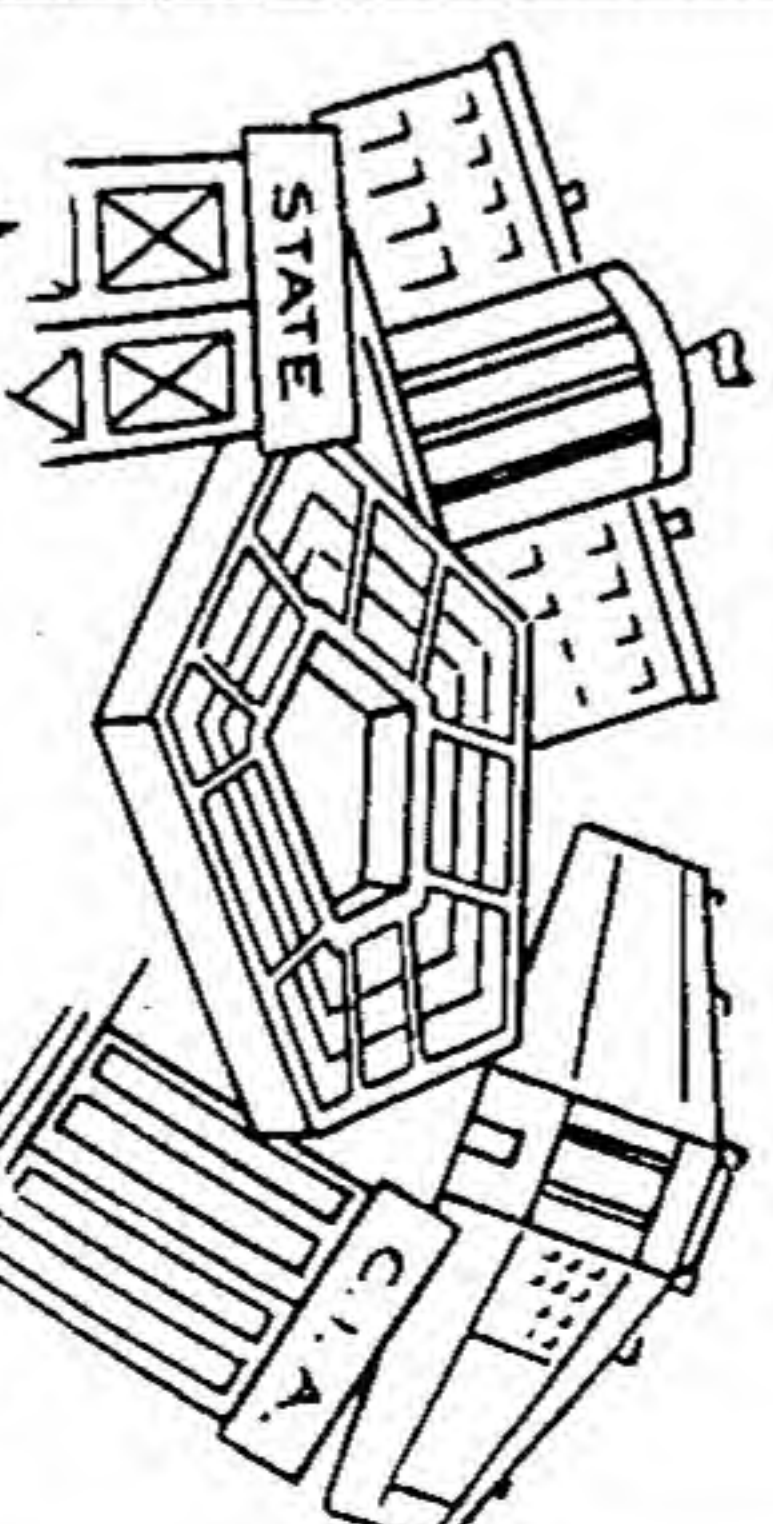
OTHER SOURCES:

FBI FILES AND REPORTS  
NAVAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS  
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE REPORTS  
AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS  
STATE DEPARTMENT INTELLIGENCE  
REPORTS AND DISPATCHES  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
REPORTS

### CENTRAL RESEARCH UNIT

- LOCATES, GATHERS, AND ORGANIZES PERTINENT SOURCES OF INFORMATION.
- EVALUATES MATERIAL IN COMMUNIST PUBLICATIONS AND FBI FILES, CORRELATING IT WITH DATA IN CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET, AND TOP SECRET REPORTS OF AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.
- STUDIES PROPAGANDA WORK OF COMMUNIST PARTY THROUGH ANALYSIS OF COMMUNIST PRESS.
- EXTRACTS MATERIAL FROM ALL AVAILABLE SOURCES FOR USE IN DOCUMENTS UNDER PREPARATION.
- STUDIES COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES FOR EVIDENCE OF CHANGES IN TACTICS AND STRATEGY.
- DEVELOPS INFORMATION ON UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS.
- ANTICIPATES TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS.
- MAKES STUDIES IN ESPIONAGE, SABOTAGE, AND POTENTIAL SUBVERSIVE STRENGTH OF COMMUNIST PARTY.
- ANALYZES REGULARLY THE COMMUNIST PARTY LINE.
- RESULTS ORGANIZED, CLASSIFIED AND WRITTEN IN THE FORM OF MEMORANDA, RESEARCH PAPERS, AND MONOGRAPHS.
- LECTURES ON COMMUNISM DELIVERED TO FBI SCHOOLS, AND TO NAVAL, MILITARY, AIR FORCE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT GROUPS.

### DISSEMINATION OF PUBLICATIONS INCLUDES TRANSMITTALS TO:



ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

U. S. ARMY

U. S. NAVY

U. S. AIR FORCE

OFFICE OF NATIONAL  
DEFENSE

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
AGENCY

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE

WHITE HOUSE



## FILE CHECKS FOR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

The FBI, in discharging its responsibilities in the internal security field in response to requests from other Government agencies in the Executive Branch, furnishes information from FBI files concerning individuals and organizations. The FBI's responsibility and authority for furnishing such information are based upon Presidential Directives, the National Security Act of 1947 and the instructions of the Attorney General.

The Presidential Directives referred to charged the FBI with the responsibility of correlating information regarding espionage, sabotage, subversive activities and related matters on a national basis and of referring matters under the jurisdiction of any other Federal agencies in these fields to the appropriate agencies.

During the fiscal year 1952, over 1,250,000 name checks were made for other agencies of the Government in addition to the names checked under the Federal Employees Loyalty Program. By reason of this function of checking its files for the various agencies in the Executive Branch, the FBI is inescapably tied in with all national defense matters. These inquiries are received from the White House, the Attorney General, Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard intelligence divisions, the CIA and many other miscellaneous Federal Government agencies.

The inquiries from the other agencies concern, among others, persons of interest to, or being considered by, the President or other high Government officials; persons being considered for access to confidential information or for access to restricted areas; persons and organizations doing business with, or otherwise of interest to, the other Government agencies; persons being considered for deportation and applicants for naturalization; persons who have requested the issuance of passports or visas and persons considered under the Coast Guard's Port Security Program.



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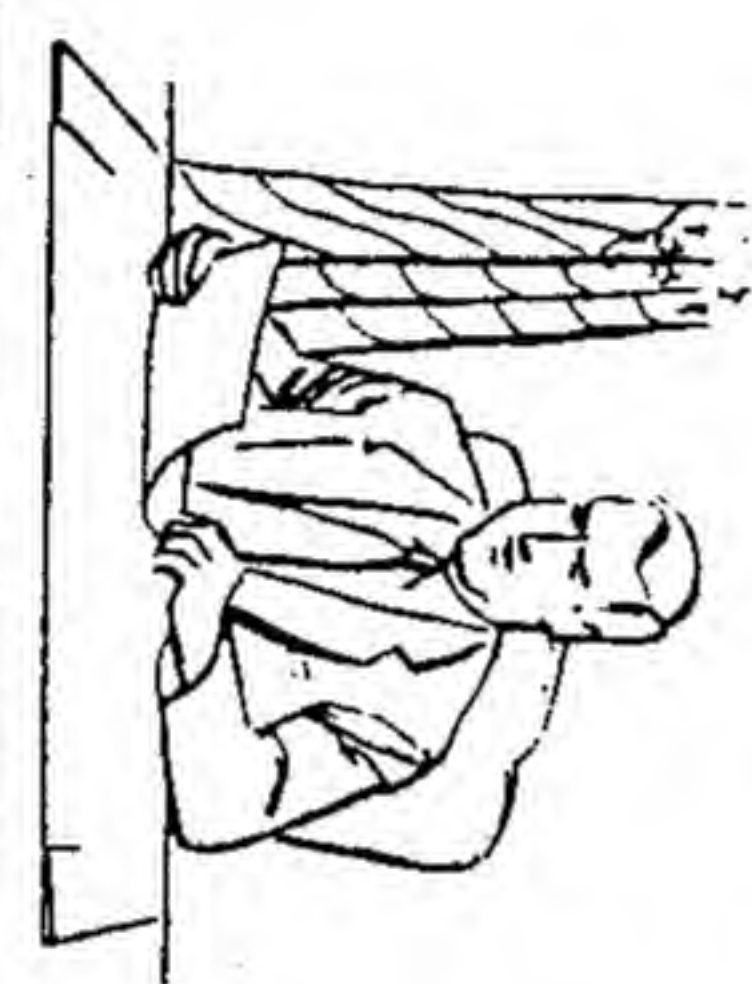
# CORRELATION AND UTILIZATION OF SECURITY INFORMATION

THE FBI IS THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY OF ALL SUBVERSIVE AND DISLOYAL TYPE OF  
INFORMATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

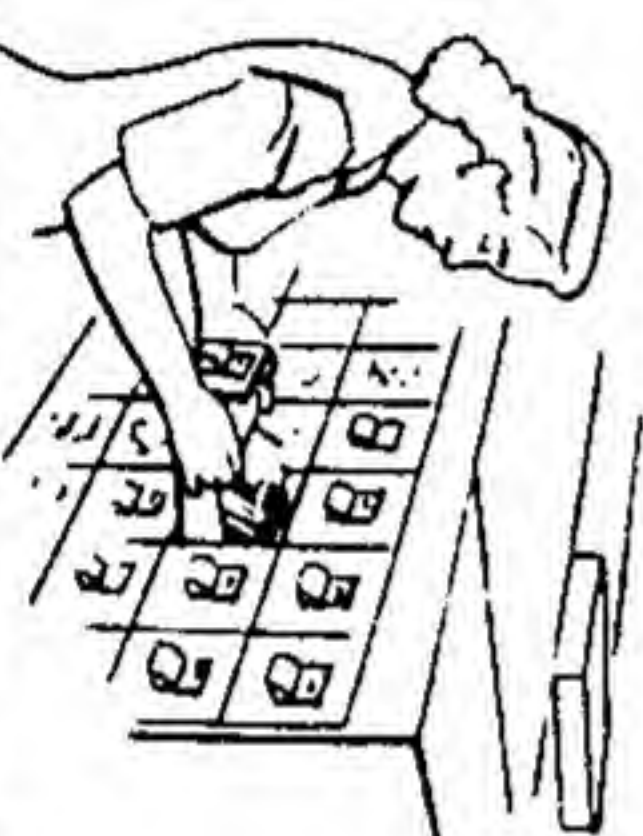
### ACCUMULATION:

- INVESTIGATIONS BY THE FBI
- INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM OTHER U. S. INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES
- LIAISON WITH INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES IN FRIENDLY FOREIGN COUNTRIES
- INFORMANT COVERAGE
- FINGERPRINT FILES
- CONTINUOUS RESEARCH AND REVIEW OF PUBLICATIONS AND PERIODICALS
- LOCAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND CITY OFFICERS
- ORGANIZATIONS
- CITIZENS

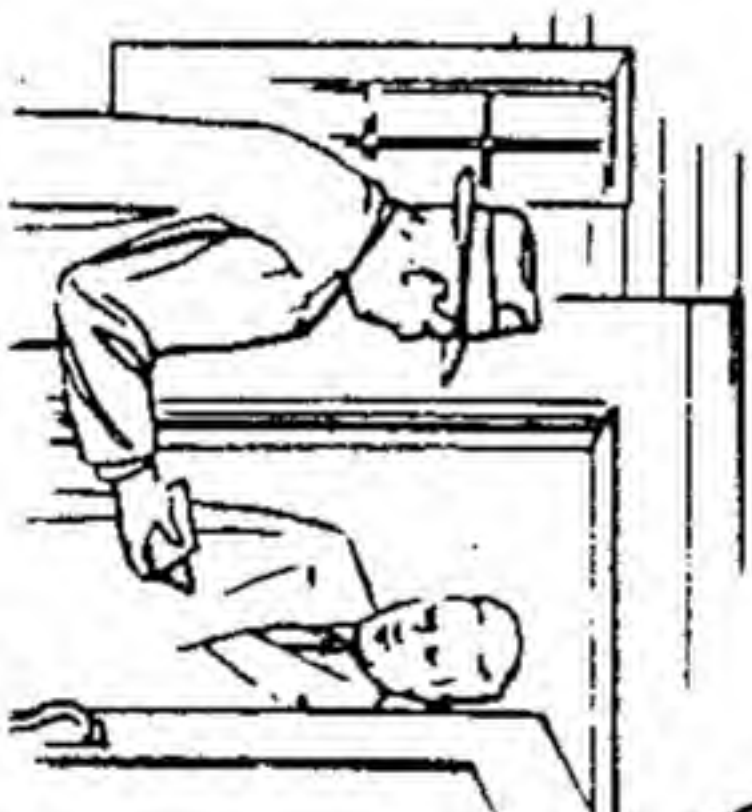
### CORRELATION:



ALL INFORMATION IS  
EVALUATED FOR ACTION  
BY AN AGENT SUPER-  
VISOR



INFORMATION FILED  
WITH COMPLETE CROSS-  
INDEX, AND ABSTRACTS  
FOR QUICK AVAILABILITY



IF INFORMATION IS SUCH  
THAT A SECURITY INVE-  
STIGATION SHOULD BE  
INITIATED IMMEDIATE  
ACTION IS TAKEN TO DO  
SO



CONTINUOUS RESEARCH  
AND CORRELATION ON  
INFORMATION ON FILE  
THAT BETTER USE MAY  
BE MADE OF IT

### UTILIZATION:

INFORMATION RELATING TO IN-  
TERESTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT  
AGENCY IS IMMEDIATELY FOR-  
WARDED TO THAT AGENCY

DEROGATORY DATA REGARDING  
A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE IS  
IMMEDIATELY FORWARDED TO  
INTERESTED AGENCY

INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO  
FRIENDLY FOREIGN GOVERN-  
MENTS IS FURNISHED TO THEM

INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FOR  
CHECKING BY OTHER GOVERN-  
MENT AGENCIES

THE FBI MAKES PLANS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS TO BODIES  
OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY  
COUNCIL ON ALL ASPECTS RE-  
LATING TO THE INTERNAL SE-  
CURITY OF THE UNITED STATES